



# Waiver Development Public Forum

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# Waiver Development

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# What is a “waiver”?

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- Medicaid History
- ICF-MR
- Federal money to offset cost of community programs.
- Jointly funded by Federal and State government
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).



# Why a new Waiver?

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- Current waiver from CMS to expire October 31, 2008
- Ability to add individualized Waivers
- Ability to add Self Direction
- Serve additional people/new services
- Federal dollars to help expand community services/slots



# Waiver Workgroups

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- 4 Workgroup Meetings in March 08
- Representation from:
  - Individuals/families
  - LMEs
  - Providers
  - Advocacy groups



# Two Tiered Waivers

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- Two Waivers
- Supports and Comprehensive Waiver
- Two additional waivers may be submitted in 2009.
- Additional Service Definitions to be submitted in 2009.



# Service Definitions

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- *NEW Proposed*
  - Behavior Consultation
  - Home Supports
  - Crisis Respite
  - Long Term Vocational Supports
  - Case Management



# Supports Waiver

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- Live in your own home or with family
- For a low level of support
- Self Direction *option*
- Wide array of services
- Residential Supports not available
- Cost limits
- Some excess cost allowed





# Comprehensive Waiver

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- Community congregate living homes available
- In-home services also available
- Self Direction not available
- Wide array of services
- Cost limits



# Transition

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Transition from the existing waiver to the 2 waivers

- Training prior to implementation
- Information provided to the system
- Case Managers meet with individual participants/families



# Transition

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- Waiver selection is based on current Plan of Care/cost summary
- Does not include one-time costs
- No reduction in services and supports



# Transition

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October 2008

- Case Manager:

- works with the individual/family to review POC/cost summary and updates if needed
- Provides waiver specific info to individual/family



# Transition

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October 2008

- DMH-DD-SAS & DMA
  - Training
  - Completion of internal system changes
  - Notification letters to individual/families
  - Web posting



# Transition

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- November 1, 2008-Waivers Implemented
- November 1, 2008-December 2009
  - DMH-DD-SAS & DMA data collection and analysis per individual



# Transition

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- 2009-June 2010
  - DMH-DD-SAS-provides service costs data to individuals/families/case managers/LMEs
  - Case Managers work with individual/family/team to ensure correct waiver

2010-All individuals fully transitioned into most appropriate waiver



# Self-Direction. *Optional*

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- NC Framework for Self-Direction
  - Support for creativity
  - Flexibility
  - Community involvement
  - Meaningful relationships
  - Increased freedom of choice
  - Increased accountability
  - *Optional*





# Self Direction *Optional*

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- Freedom – live, work, people.
- Authority – budget, personnel.
- Responsibility – effective management, responsible choices, community contribution, positive relationships, dignity of risk.



# Supports Intensity Scale

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- Needs assessments for independent living
- Domains include self-advocacy, community linkage and community activities
- Indicates frequency, amount, and type of support.
- Focuses on strengths and abilities.
- AAIDD.
- Self Direction, PCP.



# Person Centered Planning

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- New format to start 2009
- Training
- Move from POC to PCP



# Prioritization Tool

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- Statewide
- To include needs and current living situation



# Participants Rights

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- Fair Hearing Rules



# Participant Safeguards

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- Health/Safety
- Incident Reporting
- Restraints/Restrictions
- Medications
- QM/QI



# Future

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- More Waivers?
- More Service Definitions?
- Expanded Self Direction?
- Audits
- TRAINING.....
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